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CORVETTES OF FRESNO



"HOME OF THE LONGEST RUNNING ANNUAL CORVETTE EVENT ON THE PLANET"

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JUNE 2015



OWNER: JOHN & JO JOHNSON

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 13th Saturday - Car show at Coarsegold Historic Village

June 13th Saturday - Meet and eat 2PM at George's on Blackstone - John Johnson 559-434-1395

June 21st Sunday - Refinery East Church Bike & Car Show

June 26th Friday - Clovis Seniors Car Show from 11 to 2pm

June 28th Sunday - Word from Home Car Show at Lifetree Church in Madera Ranchos

TAHOE 47 - SEPTEMBER 10 - 13, 2015



Tahoe 47

"THE LONGEST RUNNING ANNUAL CORVETTE EVENT ON THE PLANET"

September 10-13, 2015

Silver Legacy Resort Hotel & Casino - 407 N. Virginia St. Reno, Nevada

(COVERED SECURE PARKING ON LEVEL 6 & 7 OF THE SELF PARKING GARAGE)

Registration: Forms available on the website: www.corvettesoffresno.com
also released via e-mail - teixeira2k@att.net

Registration must be Received by August 15, 2015

How Much: \$165.00 per couple, \$100.00 singles

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 CARS

DUE TO CONTRACTS WITH OUR VENDORS WE CANNOT ISSUE ANY REFUNDS ON CANCELATIONS AFTER AUGUST 15, 2015

EARLY BIRD DRAWING

ALL PAID REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2015 WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$100.00 CASH!

Highlights

Welcome Social Thursday Night

No Host Dinner at La Strada's Italian restaurant

Shine & Show Friday at Scheels "worlds largest sporting goods store"

Slot Tournament \$10.00pp - Friday Afternoon

Catch a Rising Star Comedy Show - Friday Night (some parts may be objectionable)

Scenic Poker Run along the shores of Lake Tahoe ending with lunch - (extra hands \$5.00)

Saturday Morning & Afternoon

Awards Dinner at Silver Legacy - Saturday Night

PLEASE NOTE - DRESS CODE FOR AWARDS DINNER IS SMART CASUAL

www.corvettesoffresno.com for Additional Details & Updates

All Net proceeds from Tahoe 47 will be donated to Charity

Accommodations

Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino: (800) 687- 8733 Use the Group Code 915CORV

Room Rates: Thursday \$76.00 Friday & Saturday \$122.00 (plus tax & resort fee)

Buffet Breakfast for 2 each Day is Included!

(must book through group code 915CORV to get included breakfast buffet)

Register now so you don't miss out on the 47th Tahoe Tour

Register by August 9, 2015 for Room Rate Guarantee



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Thursday:

REGISTRATION HOURS THURSDAY - 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LATE REGISTRATION
CALL LYNNE AGAR @ 559-593-1126 PRIOR TO 8:00 PM THURSDAY

5:00 pm -7:00 pm - Welcome Social - Rum Bullions Island Bar

7:00 pm - 9:00pm - No Host Dinner at La Strada's Italian restaurant located in the Eldorado Hotel & Casino - just a short walk from Rum Bullions.

Friday:

8:00 - 9:30 am - Complimentary Breakfast at Flavors Buffet

10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Participant's Choice Shine "N" Show at Legends Mall - Home of Scheels "worlds largest sporting goods store"

3:00pm – 5:00 pm - Slot Tournament - Silver Baron Room - \$10.00 p/p Payable at Event
4 GUARANTEED WINNERS (all event participants invited to attend)

7:00am - 9:00 pm - Catch A Rising Star Comedy Show - Special Guest Appearance by Donnie Dukes (some parts may be objectionable)

Saturday:

8:00am – 9:30 am - Complimentary Breakfast at Flavors Buffet

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Scenic Poker Run along the shores of Lake Tahoe ending with lunch. (lunch not included)

6:00pm - 7:00 pm - Pre-dinner Social - No Host Bar

7:00pm – 10:00 pm - Awards Dinner and Ceremony

HAVE A SAFE WEEK-END - PLEASE DON'T DRINK & DRIVE

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE \$165.00 REGISTRATION FEE?

- 1. DUFFEL BAG & BLANKET**
- 2. BREAKFAST FOR 2 EACH MORNING AT FLAVORS BUFFET**
(must book through group code 915corv)
- 3. THURSDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY IN RUM BULLIONS BAR**
- 4. FRIDAY SHINE & SHOW AT LEGENDS MALL**
- 5. FRIDAY NIGHT COMEDY SHOW IN THE "CATCH A RISING STAR SHOWROOM"**
- 6. SATURDAY - SCENIC POKER RUN ENDING WITH LUNCH (lunch not included)**
- 7. SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET**



CORVETTES OF FRESNO AND THE TAHOE 47 COMMITTEE



**WOULD LIKE ALL PARTICIPANTS TO JOIN WITH US FOR A NO HOST DINNER AT
LA STRADA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT LOCATED IN THE EL DORADO HOTEL & CASINO
NEXT TO THE SILVER LEGACY.**

**THIS WILL BE A PRIVATE EVENT FOR TAHOE 47 PARTICIPANTS ONLY. THE RESTAURANT
WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.**

**WE WILL BEGIN SEATING THURSDAY EVENING AT 7:00 PM AFTER OUR SOCIAL HOUR AT
RUM BULLIONS.**

LA STRADA

**Named one of the top 10 Italian restaurants in the nation, La Strada offers Reno's most authentic
northern Italian cuisine prepared by chefs from Milan, Italy. Try pastas made fresh daily in the
Eldorado pasta shop, meat, seafood entrées and more.**

**In addition to several "Best of Reno" awards, La Strada has won the Wine Spectator "Award of
Excellence" for seven years. Experience the taste and romance of Italy at the
Eldorado's signature restaurant.**

La Strada Menu - \$34.00 Per Person

Salad:

**Mixed Greens, Balsamic Vinaigrette dressing, Mozzarella & Tomato Caprese,
Black Olives, Bread Crumb**

Appetizer:

Mushroom Ravioli

Entrée:

Combination Plate Salmon Piccata & Chicken Marsala

Desert:

Tiramisu Semifredo



FIBERGLASS FOREVER



CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC

Is a non-profit organization formed by those owners who are proud to drive America's only true sports car
THE CORVETTE

Our club meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Yosemite Falls Cafe 4020 North Cedar Between Dakota & Ashlan on the East side of Cedar

If you are an interested Corvette owner, we invite you to attend.

The one time initiation fee is \$30.00 and covers the cost of your Corvettes of Fresno window sticker, membership directory, club by-laws, nametag and many other goodies.

The annual dues are \$95.00 per year per couple, or \$77.00 per year per individual.

COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY ON SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE START TIME IS 6:30 PM EVERYONE IS WELCOME

1958 TRIVIA



For the first time since its introduction, the '58 Corvette came with factory-installed seat belts.

1958 was the last year of a tachometer which kept track of "cumulative engine revolution counter" a feature which first appeared in the 1953 Corvette. In 1958 the tach was used on 230, 245, and 250 hp cars but not on the 270 and 290 hp cars. The Part number is #1548631 for 1958 models.

Optional engines in 1956 had 9 fin alloy valve covers, 1957 had 7 or 9 fin alloy valve covers, and the 1958 had 7 fin alloy covers on optional engines.

Before 1958, the only acrylic lacquer paint used was on the "Inca Silver" Corvettes.

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THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Hello Everyone,

Wow, 129 Members with 82 cars and growing, that's great! It's a testament to the wonderful people that we have in our club and all of the hard work everyone puts into making this the best Corvette Club in America!

Welcome to our new members, we are happy that you chose to join COF. Have more fun by planning a run or event, many of our members would be glad to help with the planning. You can also get involved by running for a seat on the COF Board, a few positions will be opening up this year and we need volunteers.

On May 2nd we had a nice Meet & Eat put on by Larry and Sharon Minnich, at Andiamo's, nice turnout with good food.

On May 16th, Jim and Joan Kozera put on a great run through the foot hills along with a wonderful catered lunch at their beautiful home. They went above and beyond with this one, the Lunch, all of the Tables, Chairs with Tarps to keep us out of the sun, a PA system with a couple singing songs for our entertainment and a Drone filming the entire event. Thanks to Jim and Joan, they really went all out on this one, great job!!!

On May 30th & 31st we have the Wine Run and Dinner to the coast hosted by Dave and Terry Cavanaugh along with Rich & Sherry Beattie. This is a popular event limited to 30 cars, call Dave if you are interested, it might be full up already.

Our next Meet & Eat is at George's on Blackstone on June 13th and will be sponsored by John and Jo Johnson, looking forward to the meal and the company.

The attendance at the General Meetings has been outstanding, it's great to see a large number of our club participating.

**Well, that's all for now, see you at the next run!
Chris Campbell**





CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES May 19, 2015



Call to Order: President Chris Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Board Members present were Kaye Campbell, Nancy Teixeira, Chuck Feccia, and Clay Mumby. Jim Agar was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all. President Chris Campbell welcomed all members and guests.

Secretaries Report: Minutes of the meeting April 2015 are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the April 2015 minutes was made by Jerry Najarian and seconded by Jackey Christani Motion carried.

A motion to accept the April 2015 minutes as published in the Fiberglass Forever newsletter was made by Dave Dutton and seconded by Steve Profera, motion carried unanimously!

Treasurers Report: Kaye Campbell reported the accounts activity for April, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A Motion was made to approve the treasures report as read. The Motion was made by Allen Teixeira and seconded by Larry Minnich, Motion Carried Unanimously.

Membership: Clay Mumby reported attendance for the May 19, 2015 meeting. There were 59 members and 12 guests. Guest who introduced themselves was, Richard and Michelle Ripplinger, LJ Say, Larry Cervantes, Ron and Pat Mattos, and Robb and Cindy Kochevar, Jim and Tonya Poindexter, Marj Harp, and Mokey Cowger. Corvettes of Fresno, has 129 members and 82 corvettes.

All May Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged. The amount of the name tag drawing for the month of May is \$40.00. Remember to always sign in at the beginning of all meetings! New Members presented their packages were: Frank and Dorit Battaglia.

Communication: Jim Agar was absent, but Allen Teixeira received an email from him and he said if anyone has any information for him to put in the newsletter please email him at his new email address.

Webmaster: Webmaster Chris Campbell reported that he still needs pictures of cars for the member page. He has updated the Tahoe 47 event info and is putting a new ad for wheels for sale.

Activities: Chuck Feccia gave the report, please refer to the Calendar of events in the club newsletter, or on the club web site, www.corvettesoffresno.com for more details and up to date information. **Guests are encouraged to attend any event, come join the fun! Remember all sign up sheets are on the side table.**

Report on past events.

May 2nd Meet and eat at Andiamo's, Larry Minnich reported 33 cars attended

May 5th COF Board Meeting 6:30pm at Spaghetti Factory

May 12th Tahoe Meeting 7pm Denny's Blackstone & Herndon

May 16th Speed & Feed hosted by Jim & Joan Kozera 52 cars attended with a drone filming which will be available to view soon. It was a very fun run.

Upcoming Events:

May 30th & 31 Wine run and dinner to coast, hosted by Rick & Sherry Beattie and Dave & Teri Cavanaugh limited to 30 cars, \$30.00 per couple & BYOB.

June 2nd COF Board Meeting 6:30 at Spaghetti Factory

June 9th Tahoe 47 meeting at Denney's Blackstone & Herndon at 7pm.

June 13th Car show at Coarsegold Historic Village

June 13th Meet and eat 2PM at George's on Blackstone hosted by John & Jo Johnson

June 16th COF General Meeting at Yosemite Falls in Granite Park 7pm

June 21st Refinery East Church Bike & Car Show, fliers on table

June 26th Clovis Seniors Car Show from 11 to 2pm

June 28th Word from Home Car Show at Lifetree Church in Madera Ranchos, flier on table.

Sept 10 -13 Tahoe 47 Allen reported on a few changes made after the trip to Reno, menu and cost of Thursday night dinner at La Strata's was discussed as well as the parking and poker run, also the Black Jack Tournament has been canceled. Sign up sheets for Poker Run, Raffle Prizes, Plaques, and Cash Awards are on the table.

December 4th COF Christmas Party at TorNinos, Sharon Minnich chairing

WSCC Allen Teixeira announced that the Redline should be arriving any day..

Sunshine Report given by Sharon Minnich, Angie DiLiddo had surgery for broken knee cap and a plant was sent to her and she is doing well. Joan Kozera had surgery on her back and also had pneumonia but was at the meeting a doing better, a plant was sent to her and we received a thank you note. Joe Gonzalez injured his knee and is waiting to find out if he'll need surgery.

Old Business; Billie Talley asked that anyone who wants a jacket needs to let her know as soon as possible. A suggestion was made that it would be great if we could Skype one of our meetings with Jim Agar.

New Business:

No new business was brought forward.

Name Tag Drawing:

The drawing for this month is \$40.00 and Lori Kovacevich name was drawn she was not present; the drawing will be \$50.00 next month.

50/25/25 Raffle:

First ticket drawn was Dorit Battaglia \$60.00, second ticket drawn was Jerry Clark also for \$60.00.

There being no further business a motion was made by Debbie Dukes to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Dennis Christiansen the meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Nancy Teixeira
By/ net



NANCY TEIXEIRA
SECRETARY



CLAY'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Membership

Clay reported that as of the 2015 Calendar Year COF has 129 members and 82 cars.

Members & Guests

Total attendance: 71 - 59 Members & 12 Guests: Richard and Michelle Ripplinger, LJ Say, Larry Cervantes, Ron and Pat Mattos, and Robb and Cindy Kochejar, Jim and Tonya Poindexter, Mart Harp, and Mokey Cowger.

Nametag drawing

Lori Kovacevich's Name was drawn, She was not present.
Next Months Drawing will be for \$50.00

Remember to wear your nametag at the meeting for a chance to win.

Club Directories and Updates

The 2015 electronic copy of the club membership directory is available online at www.corvettesoffresno.com (contact Chris Campbell for the new access info)



CLAY MUMBY
MEMBERSHIP



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



DAVE & TERRI CAVANAUGH 9 - CLIFF & JERRI SHAUL 14
KIRK & KATHY YERGAT 16 - TOM & TERESA OCHOA 19
LARRY & SANDY DAMI 24 - GARY & NINA GAGNEBIN 29
CHUCK & GERRI WARE 29



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



DIANE VOLPP 6 - HELEN JOLLY 8 - LARRY DAME 10
NONIE DELAP 13 - STEVEN PROFERA 13 - LEE DELAP 15
DON ZAPATA 22

50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

DORIT BATTAGLIA

JERRY CLARK

EACH WON

\$60.00



CONGRATULATIONS



IS ALLEN CONFUSED??
CHECK OUT THE NAME
ON HIS JACKET

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS
FRANK AND DORIT BATTAGLIA**

**WELCOME TO
CORVETTES OF FRESNO**

WE ARE NOW 129 MEMBERS STRONG



CHUCK'S 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PAGE



JUNE 2, 2015 TUESDAY - BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY ON SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE

JUNE 9, 2015 TUESDAY - TAHOE MEETING 7:00PM AT DENNY'S ON THE CORNER OF BLACKSTONE & HERNDON

JUNE 13TH SATURDAY - CAR SHOW AT COARSEGOLD HISTORIC VILLAGE

JUNE 13TH SATURDAY - MEET AND EAT 2PM AT GEORGE'S ON BLACKSTONE
JOHN JOHNSON 559-434-1395

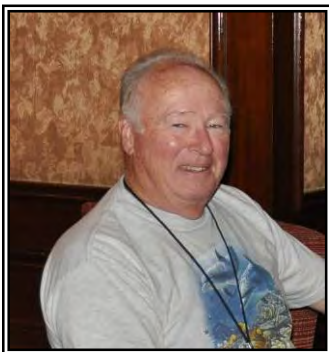
JUNE 16, 2015 - TUESDAY - GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM AT YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE
LOCATED AT 4020 N. CEDAR IN GRANITE PARK

JUNE 21ST SUNDAY - REFINERY EAST CHURCH BIKE & CAR SHOW

JUNE 26TH FRIDAY - CLOVIS SENIORS CAR SHOW FROM 11 TO 2PM

JUNE 28TH SUNDAY - WORD FROM HOME CAR SHOW AT LIFETREE CHURCH IN MADERA RANCHOS

DEC 4TH CHRISTMAS PARTY AT TORNINOS, \$35.00 PER PERSON FROM 6 TO 11. SHARON MINNICH CHAIRPERSON. 559-449-3331



CHUCK FECCIA
VP ACTIVITIES

TAHOE PLANNING MEETING

THE NEXT TAHOE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00PM
TUESDAY JUNE 9, 2015 AT DENNY'S ON THE CORNER
OF BLACKSTONE & HERNDON

PLAN A RUN

TAKE US TO YOUR FAVORITE PLACE



FEED & SPEED





ALLEN'S WSCC PAGE



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WESTERN STATES CORVETTE COUNCIL 50th Anniversary Convention and Celebration July 6th – July 12th 2015 ~ Reno Nevada



Schedule of Events

Monday, July 6th -

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Convention Registration opens @ GSR – Silver State Pavilion (Conference Center) –

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Meet & Greet Party @ GSR – Silver State Pavilion –

Tuesday, July 7th

8:00 am

Convention Registration continues – Silver State Pavilion

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

WSCC Convention Car Show – co-hosted by: *Discovery Bay Corvettes*

Registration & move – in for Corvettes only & pre-registered – SS Pavilion

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm (times subject to change)

Club Hospitality Room Competition – 6 designated Deluxe suites at GSR (contact convention@wsc.wc for club sign ups)

Wednesday, July 8th -

7:45 am (Assemble)

#1 NAS Fallon Run, Tour and Lunch, co-hosted by: *Reno Corvette Club*

9:00 am (Assemble)

#1 Poker Run, co-hosted by: *Reno Corvette Club*

10:00 am

2 Poker Run, tour (co-host TBA)

6:00 pm

Bowling Tournament at GSR – co-hosted by: *Santa Clara Corvettes*

Thursday, July 9th -

8:00 am (Assemble)

Track Day – Fernley 95a Raceway – co-hosted by *Santa Clara Corvettes*

Managed by *Hooked on Driving*

Time to be announced:

Reno Shopping Tour & Lunch co-hosted by: *Reno Corvette Club*

6:00 pm BBQ sponsored by *Abel Chevrolet* – co-hosted by *Delta Corvettes* (Location TBA)

Friday, July 10th -

7:45 am (Assemble in parking lot at GSR)

#2 NAS Fallon Run, Tour and Lunch, co-hosted by: *Reno Corvette Club*

9:00 am (Assemble)

#3 Poker Run, co-hosted by: *Reno Corvette Club*

10:00 am

4 Poker Run, tour (co-host TBA)

Saturday, July 11th -

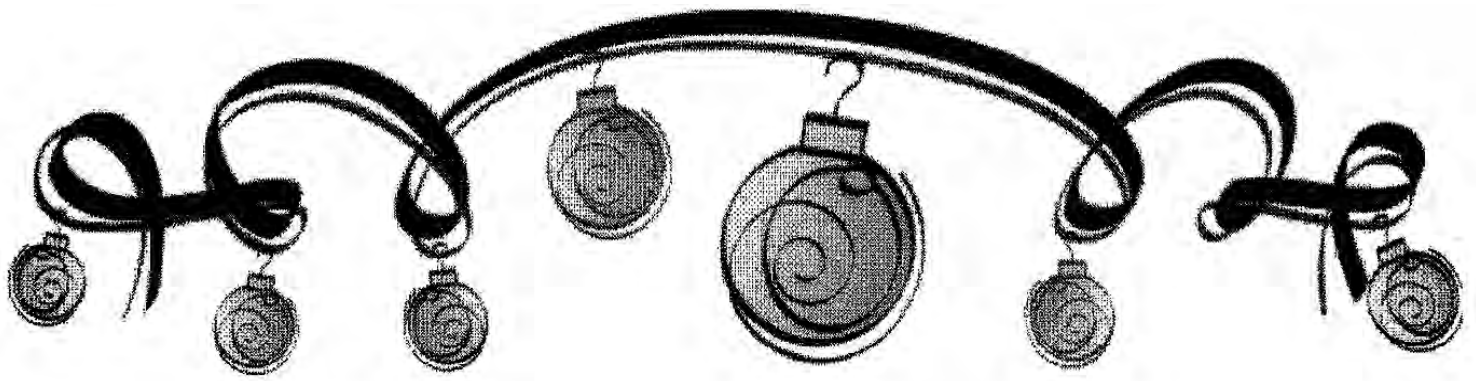
9:00 am (Assemble)

WSCC Auto-X co-hosted by: *North Bay Corvette Assn. Managed by SCCA Reno*

5:00 pm – Registration & Cash Bar opens (Silver State Pavilion)

6:00 pm – Banquet – Buffet – Speaker (TBA) - Silver State Pavilion

Sunday, July 12th - Convention Ends



Corvettes of Fresno

Invites you to our

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

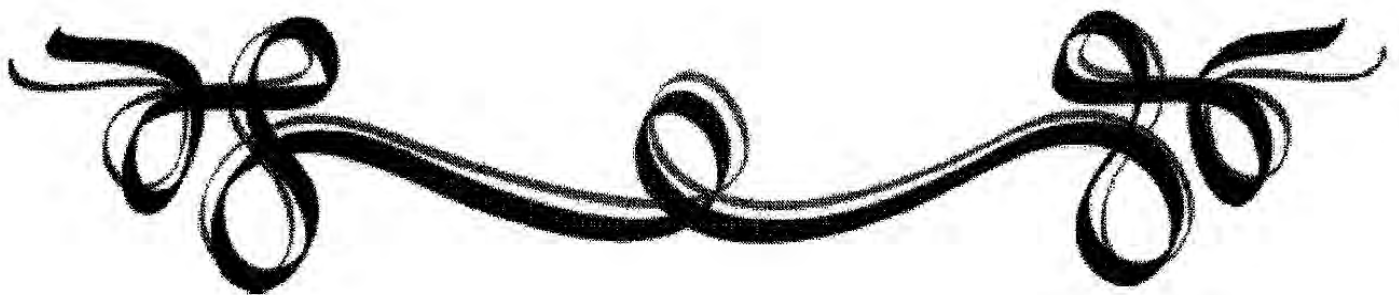
Friday, December 4th
6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

TorNino's
5080 N. Blackstone Ave.
Fresno, CA 93710
Ph 559-222-2453

Dinner: Buffet Style
Price: \$35.00 per person

Host: Sharon Minnich
Ph #559-449-3331

Entertainment: DJ
(same as last year)



CORVETTES OF FRESNO



DUFFEL BAG



\$15.00

PICTURED BELOW IS THE DUFFEL BAG THAT WILL BE INCLUDED WITH EACH TAHOE 47 REGISTRATION

WE HAVE A FEW EXTRA BAGS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE NOW!

THESE ARE GREAT FOR GYM BAGS - OVERNIGHT USE OR TO KEEP IN YOUR CAR FOR CAR CARE SUPPLIES

ALL NET PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THESE BAGS GO TO OUR TAHOE 47 FUNDRAISER.

CONTACT ALLEN TEIXEIRA TO RESERVE YOUR COF BAG



GM to Invest \$439 Million for a New Corvette Paint Shop

If you happen to buy a new Corvette in roughly two years, you can likely thank the previous customers of the seventh-generation Stingray for your improved paint job.

The overwhelming success of the new Corvette, introduced in 2014, no doubt heavily influenced General Motors' announcement today that it will be investing \$439 million at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, most of which will go to a new Corvette paint shop that will include "substantial technology upgrades," according to GM.

Work will begin this summer and take about two years to finish; in the meantime, normal Corvette production won't be affected.

The big investment by GM adds to the \$135 million GM had already put into the Kentucky facility over the last four years getting ready for the new Stingray and the Performance Build Center.

"With this major technology investment, we can continue to exceed the expectations of sports car buyers for years to come," said North American Manufacturing Manager Arvin Jones. "These types of investments are evidence that the customer is at the center of every decision we make."

UAW Vice President Cindy Estrada said the new paint shop will mirror the efficiencies and technologies of the new body shop, installed with the launch of the Stingray.

"Hardworking UAW members have proudly built vehicles in Bowling Green for more than 30 years," Estrada said, "and we are pleased to be a part of such a significant facility upgrade."

The new 450,000-square-foot paint shop will be nearly half the size of the entire current production facility, GM said, and will result in the retention of 150 jobs.

The paint shop will feature new tooling and robots, and its state-of-the-art environmental and efficiency improvements include:

- Dry Scrubber Booth Technology with Limestone Handling System designed to eliminate sludge water and waste

- Light-emitting diode, or LED, lighting for process decks for improved visual inspection as well as energy savings

- State-of-the-art FANUC robots with Versa-bell 3 electrostatic applicators for an extremely smooth finish and maximum transfer efficiency, saving 25 percent of the paint material used, which also benefits the environment

- Longer, high-efficiency baking ovens for exceptional paint finish and lower energy use.

Perhaps the best thing about today's announcement, though, is that it means Chevrolet apparently remains highly committed to the Corvette, which hopefully means there will be many more generations of the popular sports car coming in future years.

Corvette Museum Planning Thunderdome Exhibit to Tell the Story of the Sinkhole

The National Corvette Museum continues to make lemonade out of the lemons that literally fell beneath its feet last year.

Museum officials have released details about what they're calling "Thunderdome," a unique multimedia experience that will allow visitors to "live through" the collapse of the Skydome floor that sent eight Corvettes falling into the bowels of the earth in February 2014.



Thunderdome, designed by a Florida company called Creative Arts Unlimited, is actually just one part of an exhibit that will teach visitors about caves, sinkholes, karst landscapes, and the Corvettes damaged or destroyed by the sinkhole inside the museum.

Exact opening date hasn't been set, but Thunderdome may be ready to greet its first guests by this fall.

Thunderdome is under construction now – it's basically a miniature replica of the Skydome and about 15 guests at a time will enjoy a "sensorama" experience of sound and animation producing the sensation of being below the structure's floor when the collapse occurred. It will give visitors the experience of witnessing the collapse, from inside a simulated cave below a simulated Skydome floor.

If you're a little claustrophobic, you can opt out of the Thunderdome experience and enter the museum by a separate entrance, but Thunderdome patrons brave enough will enter through the tunnel that currently connects the Enthusiast Area to the Skydome, which will be modified to look like the many caves below the Kentucky ground.

We were disappointed when the sinkhole had to be permanently closed up because it would have cost too much to leave it open, but we think the Thunderdome is a great compromise that will prove to be very popular with tourists.

And we know how popular seeing the sinkhole proved to be last year, with a record 251,258 visitors passing through.

April 2015 Corvette Sales

Great sales numbers continue for the Chevrolet Corvette!

This morning, GM posted the monthly sales numbers for April 2015. For the month, GM reported 3,469 Corvettes were delivered. This is slightly down from last April's number of 3,514 for a net change of -1.3%.

Despite the slight drop, last month's sales figures rank 3rd on our chart for April sales since 2006.

For the calendar year (January-April), a total of 11,986 have been delivered. This is 2.5% higher than the 11,693 Corvettes delivered in 2014.

In the official release this morning, it was mentioned that the the Corvette Z06 is one of the industry's fastest-selling car, with a "days to turn" of only 17 days.

At the National Corvette Museum's Bash, Plant Manager Jeff Lamarche spoke about production of the 2015 Corvette. He said they are running the plant with overtime and are producing 170 Corvettes per day!

Through April 22nd, Chevrolet has built a total of 23,171 Corvette Stingrays and 8,206 Corvette Z06s for a total 2015 Model Year production of 31,377. The plant will be making 2015 Corvettes through June 22nd and will roll over to begin retail production of the 2016 Corvette on Monday, June 25th.

Here's the GM Sales Report for Corvettes in April 2015:

Corvette Delivery Statistics for April 2015							
Month				Calendar Year-to-Date			
Month	2015	2014	% Change	Months	2015	2014	% Change
Apr	3,469	3,514	-1.3%	Jan-Apr	11,986	11,693	2.5%

Corvette Sales Monthly Archive:

Archived Monthly Corvette Delivery Statistics													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015	2,127	2,605	3,785	3,469									11,986
2014	2,261	2,438	3,480	3,514	3,328	2,723	3,060	2,679	2,467	2,959	2,378	3,552	34,839
2013	908	980	1,053	974	905	853	671	655	831	3,929	2,527	3,005	17,291
2012	629	927	1,376	1,396	1,219	1,475	987	1,210	1,351	1,167	1,104	1,291	14,132
2011	721	955	1,163	1,454	1,304	1,299	1,291	936	1,147	946	910	1,038	13,164
2010	854	624	955	1,089	1,428	1,405	1,199	1,135	1,109	1,011	836	979	12,624
2009	842	1,027	1,183	1,407	1,643	1,396	966	746	1,585	1,154	952	1,033	13,934
2008	2,015	2,071	2,692	3,190	2,904	2,082	1,870	4,242	2,318	1,170	1,093	1,324	26,971
2007	2,234	2,784	3,158	3,227	3,300	2,377	2,377	2,877	2,837	2,484	2,438	2,914	33,685
2006	2,579	3,058	3,655	3,516	3,317	2,938	2,794	2,990	3,056	2,761	2,773	3,081	36,518

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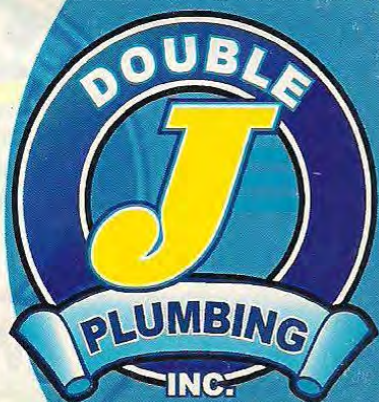
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